

Dear Dana:

Set out below is my understanding of the position of the Federal Trade Commission concerning the reporting requirements under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Improvements Act of 1976 with respect to acquisitions by newly-formed partnerships. This understanding is based on my previous conversations with you, including those of May 27th and May 31st, and other attorneys in the Premerger Notification Office. As I understand it the Premerger Notification Office's position is that a partnership is always its own ultimate parent entity. Therefore, for the purposes of measuring the size of the person test one looks to the sales and assets of the partnership and not those of any one or more of the partners. This is true even in the case of a limited partnership where the general partner (or partners) is a multi-billion dollar corporation. is also my understanding that when measuring the assets of the newly-formed partnership, the consideration to be paid to the selling entity in an acquisition is not included in a calculation of the newly-formed partnership's pro forma asset base.



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Based on our conversations and my understanding of the Premerger Notification Office's position, I advised a client that a transaction involving the sale by that client to a newly-formed partnership of assets valued at more than thirty million dollars is not reportable since the assets of the partnership calculated as described above are well under ten million dollars. Obviously, if my understanding as set forth is in error, I need to know immediately.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. As always, it is a pleasure dealing with you.

Very truly yours,





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